



News Briefs

New registration fees for POVs

U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles raised fees for registering vehicles from \$15 to \$30. For more information, call Master Sgt. Armond Ford at 452-5929 or visit the USAREUR RMV Web site at <http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/>.

Comptroller shutdown

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron is closed July 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an official function.

Quarterly awards luncheon

The Quarterly Awards luncheon for the second quarter of 2006 takes place July 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Club Eifel. Tickets are available through July 19 from unit first sergeants. Call Master Sgt. Lisa Friend at 452-6378 for details.

Medical clinics closed

52nd Medical Group clinics are closed July 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for training. People requiring urgent care should visit the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency Room.

Passport applications info

The Department of State has a backlog of passport applications due to the summer move season and influx of American travelers for the World Cup. Applicants should include their travel plans and anticipated departure date on their applications to ensure timely processing. Applicants who haven't received passports can check the status of their applications 10 work days before their departure date.

AFOSI amnesty box

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations has an amnesty box hanging in the Spangdahlem AB post office near the vending machine. If people witness or hear of a crime or suspicious activity and are not willing to immediately report it to law enforcement, they can leave a note in the box. Tips are confidential and anonymous. The box is not intended for explosives or hazardous material. Call AFOSI for more information at 452-6291 or the law enforcement desk at 452-6666.

Oberweis DRMO closure

The DRMO located in Oberweis permanently closes Sept. 30. DRMO will no longer accept usable property, and all usable government excess property must be transported to the DRMO located in Kaiserslautern. DRMO will receive and dispose of scrap through Aug. 31. As of Sept. 1, all scrap must be turned in to DRMO Kaiserslautern. For more information, call Linda McNabb at 452-9173.

Runners ... get set, go!

Why are these people jogging in the streets?

View photos of Sabers in action during Sports Day on Page 8.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

Senior Airman Nathan Hargrafen, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight, helps an Open House guest try on individual protective equipment designed to protect the wearer from nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional hazards Saturday. More than 10,000 people gathered on Spangdahlem Air Base for a day full of events. See more photos of the Open House on Page 4.

Sabers open doors to German neighbors

Spangdahlem AB hosts first Open House since 1998

By Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Air Base hosted an Open House Saturday for the first time since 1998 and approximately 10,000 people took advantage of the opportunity to get a first hand look at the mission and its people.

"It feels great that so many people attended but it feels even better knowing we did not have any security incidents the entire day," said Lt. Col. Angel Diaz, Open House director. "We had great weather, and it was a safe event for all who attended. Special thanks should go to our Security Forces for coming up with a great plan."

Visitors from around Europe and beyond made their way here for the one-day event which had more than 20 aircraft on display and a fly by from an A-10 Warthog and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"The fact they were able to walk inside the larger aircraft really made a difference, especially to the children," Colonel Diaz said.

Elisabeth Neyes, from Welschbillig, said that was the best part of the day for her and her family.

"The kids and I found the inside of the aircraft very interesting," she said.

Besides aircraft, visitors were able to see a 60K loader, explosive ordnance device robot and fire truck up close.

Bruno Kranz, who brought his young son to the open house from their home in Mellich, said it was a wonderful day.

"It was super," he said, "I see (the planes) everyday but this is great for people who don't know what happens on the base."



Photo by Senior Airman Kristin Ruleau

Open House visitors flock to the flightline to catch a glimpse of an F-16 Fighting Falcon taking off for a fly by Saturday.

Diaz said the general consensus was that everyone had a good time.

"I was in the event area all day, and I received nothing but positive feedback," he said.

The intent of the event was to do more than give people the chance to see what the Air Force is all about, he said. It is a way of saying thank you to those in the local community who support Spangdahlem Air Base and its personnel on a regular basis.

"I hope the message that was sent was one of gratitude for the support the local community has shown us throughout the years," Colonel Diaz said. "An event like this has the potential to build a tremendous amount of goodwill and hopefully we did."

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0 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: **61**

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

Prepare to fight



Fight to win



Take care of each other

Airmen receive Article 15 punishments

Staff reports

During the month of March and April, 21 Spangdahlem Air Base Airmen received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron violated Article 112 by being drunk on duty as Charge of Quarters. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and 30 days correctional custody.

- ♦ A technical sergeant assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron violated Article 134 by being incapacitated for the performance of his duties. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman first class, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated and Article 92 by drinking underage in the state of Arizona. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman and forfeiture of \$333 pay.

- ♦ A senior airman assigned to the 606th ACS violated Article 107 by making a false official statement, Article 89 by being disrespectful to a commissioned officer, Article 91 by being disrespectful to a non-commissioned officer and Article 92 by misusing a government travel card. The commander imposed a suspended reduction

to the grade of airman first class and seven days correctional custody.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron violated Article 91 by disrespecting a non-commissioned officer. The commander imposed forfeiture of \$400 and 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 121 by wrongfully appropriating license plates and stealing gas. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$713 pay for two months and 30 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB.

- ♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 128 by unlawfully strangling an airman first class on the throat with his arm. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic with reduction below the grade of airman suspended, 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦ A technical sergeant assigned to the 606th ACS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and a reprimand.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 86 for failure to go to his appointed place of duty and Article 92 on numer-

ous occasions by failing to obey a lawful general regulation by failing to keep his uniform in a serviceable condition. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

- ♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd LRS violated Article 92 by failing to stay awake during duty hours. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman with reduction below airman first class suspended and 45 days extra duty.

- ♦ An airman assigned to the 52nd SFS violated Article 86 on numerous occasions by failing to go to his appointed place of duty, Article 107 by making a false official statement and Article 113 by falling asleep while on post as a sentinel. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$50 pay per month for two months, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

- ♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Dental Squadron violated Article 91 by disrespecting a non-commissioned officer and Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman and a suspended forfeiture of \$713.

- ♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd LRS violated Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic

with reduction below airman suspended and 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB.

- ♦ An airman assigned to the 52nd Services Squadron violated Article 86 on numerous occasions by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed 14 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB and 14 days extra duty.

- ♦ An airman assigned to the 52nd SFS violated Article 86 by failing to go to her appointed place of duty and Article 92 by failing to obey a lawful order by wrongfully possessing alcohol in her dorm room and being derelict in her duties by failing to wear her reflective belt on numerous occasions. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.

- ♦ A technical sergeant assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 92 by failing to obey a lawful general regulation by viewing and saving pornographic images to a government computer on numerous occasions. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and a reprimand.

- ♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 112 by wrongfully possessing Percocet. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$846 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- ♦ A master sergeant assigned to the 52nd Mission Support Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of technical sergeant and a reprimand.

(Information courtesy of the 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate's Office)



Love and marriage ...

Tips from wing's legal office sheds light on getting married overseas

By Staff Sgt. Brian Meeker

52nd Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office

"Going to the rathaus, and we're gonna get married." While some Sabers may recognize a slight variance in the 1960's Dixie Cups song, "Going to the chapel," the marriage process as well is a little different here in Europe compared to the United States. With some advance planning; however, people can still have the Eifel wedding of their doo-wop dreams.

It is the policy of the Air Force that active

duty members have the same right to enter into marriage as other United States citizens. One difference is that Air Force personnel stationed overseas must obtain approval before marrying a foreign national who is not a legal resident of the United States.

Air Force members are also encouraged to obtain premarital counseling. In most cases, this authorization is obtained from the immediate commander.

Specific guidance is found in Air Force Instruction 36-2609, *Marriage in Overseas Commands*. Department of Defense-spon-

sored civilians are not required to submit an application for authorization to marry.

Marriage in Germany is a civil process, meaning that a religious ceremony is optional but can take place only after a civil marriage has occurred. The application process for a marriage authorization usually takes between two and four weeks. The following documents are some of the requirements for American citizens, both active duty and civilian:

- * Affidavit upon application for marriage, AF Form 1680 people may obtain this form from the Legal office)

- * Original birth certificate or certified true copy of identification cards and passports

- * Marriage certificates and divorce decrees from any previous marriages

Individual requirements may vary, based on the country people want to be married in, their state of legal residence in the United States and the citizenship of their new spouse.

For more information, call the legal office at 452-6796.



Courtesy photo

Top Saber Performer

Name: Maj. Bartz Sykes
Unit: 22nd Fighter Squadron
Duty Title: Assistant Director of Operations
Hometown: Rose Hill, Kan.
Years in Service: 15
Nominee's contributions to 52nd FW mission success: Project officer for Steadfast Jaguar, the largest NATO exercise in Africa and the largest NATO Response Force exercise in history. The exercise had more than 7,000 people participating and was supported by the 52nd Air Expeditionary Wing. It consisted of the 22nd FS, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Communications Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron, as well as squadrons from the 86th Air Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Major Sykes was the maestro who organized all the squadrons into a cohesive team more than 3,000 miles away from home station. He is simultaneously the project officer for Viper Lance, a large-scale deployment to Romania. Major Sykes' efforts were recognized by the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander as essential to the success for the NRF.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: He recently returned to flying F-16s after earning a master's degree from Vilnius University in Lithuania as an Olmsted Scholar.

What's a fun thing you've done lately? I dragged four kids all across Europe. Our best trip was a 36-day trek through seven Eastern European countries by rail. We only took one backpack for six of us, so we didn't always smell good, but we had an awesome time traveling through the former Warsaw Pact.

What do you like most about being stationed here? Living in Zendscheid and the great German neighbors we have there

What's one thing that you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB? A train stop at the front door of the Big 22

Thunderbirds announce 2007 officers

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFPN) -- The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," has announced its new officers for the 2007 demonstration season, the 54th in the team's history.

Joining the team on the left wing position at Thunderbird No. 2 is Maj. Chris Austin from the 57th Wing here.

The slot pilot, Thunderbird No. 4, is Maj. William Poteet of the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron here.

The 2007 No. 6 pilot, flying the opposing solo position, is Capt. Samantha Weeks of the 12th Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

The operations officer, Thunderbird No. 7, the team's second in command, is Maj. Robert Skelton of Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The team's newest executive officer, Thunderbird No. 10, is Capt. Amy Glisson of the Air Force District of Washington at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Joining the team as the maintenance officer, Thunderbird No. 11, is **Capt. Charles Ploetz** of the 52nd Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron at Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

Rounding out the newest 2007 officers is the public affairs officer, Thunderbird No. 12, Capt. Elizabeth Kreft of the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley AFB, Va.

Returning to lead the team for a second season as commander is Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, Thunderbird No. 1.

The other returning members of the 2006 team who complete the 2007 team include: Maj. Nicole Malachowski, Thunderbird No. 3, right wing; Maj. Ed Casey, Thunderbird No. 5, lead solo; Maj. Tad Clark, Thunderbird No. 8, advance pilot and narrator; and Maj. (Dr.) Dan Mirski, Thunderbird No. 9, the team's flight surgeon.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit comprised of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and about 120 enlisted Airmen performing in more than 29 career specialties.

Background information on the Thunderbirds is available on the Internet at: www.airforce.com/thunderbirds.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Maintenance

Technically proficient **Tech. Sgt. Andreas Whitney**, a jet engine technician, did a stellar job as swing shift production superintendent and led the way on a 24-hour turn around engine repair while deployed. Testing in progress ... jet engine technician **Staff Sgt. Gabriel Jenkins** led and trained four newly assigned test cell personnel on the F-16 Hush House uninstalled engine test loading procedures. His expertise proved invaluable to bringing up one of only two of the wing's critical F-16 engine test facilities and sustaining test capability. **Staff Sgt. William Atkinson** from the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program aggressively troubleshooted and repaired the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron engine test stands. His efforts ensured the full testing capability for both F-16 and A-10 engines, keeping the Sabers "Constantly Ready to Project Superior Combat Power!"

52nd Mission Support Group

Making the grade is **Airman 1st Class Sharday Norman**, who scored a 93 percent on her CDCs! Way to go smarty pants!

38th Maintenance Group

"Go-to Guy" **Senior Airman Leo Estremadura** demonstrated an extensive knowledge of all things computer related in three short months on station. **Staff Sgt. Shubert Mendez** is the definition of a "can do"



attitude. No matter what the task or challenge, he is always ready, willing and able to accomplish it. As a member of the training team, he truly understands the phrase "team concept." Sergeant Mendez recently volunteered to deploy and became the first 701st Munitions Support Squadron member to deploy as part of an AEF. We love to see you smile ... Service's troop **Airman 1st Class Daniece Burris** always wears a bright smile and has a hard working

attitude as she provides oversight on the Non Appropriated Funds budget, community center, recreational lounge, snack bar and numerous other services activities for more than 300 military and family members. **Staff Sgt. Johnathan Steed's** expertise and professionalism while overseeing the communications components of the WS3, which protects \$1.5 billion in war reserve assets, led his crew to another excellent performance for the February 2006 Nuclear Surety Inspection. Excellent! **Staff Sgt. Henry Norrington** oversees the console operations in the command post. His role ensures quick reaction notifications and reporting are made to protect \$1.5 billion in U.S. Protection Level 1 war reserve assets in support of the NATO strike mission at Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium. His expertise and professionalism led his team to another excellent performance during the February 2006 Nuclear Surety Inspection.

Kudos to you all!

(Compiled by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Photo by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

Top Saber Team

Unit name: Detachment 9, AFNEWS

A brief description of unit responsibilities: An innovative, evolving and dynamic organization using the passion of its people and emergent technology to deliver timely, topical and relevant news and information to diverse audiences through diverse means.

Number of members: 17

How does the team fit into the 52nd FW's mission? AFN is the "Giant Voice" of the wing commander. They provide 24-hour information to the Eifel community on everything from base safety to morale and leisure activities through our radio and television services. They tell the Spangdahlem story world-wide and to the local audience of more than 15,000 listeners and viewers.

Team's other contributions through the year? Over the last year, this incredible team has won more awards than any other Air Force broadcasting detachment in the world, to include several DoD-level awards. The Saber 0-1-3 campaign placed first and aired world-wide. AFN produced more than 250 live radio hours and 90 live newscasts in direct support of the wing commanders mission and vision.



Operation On-Air

Play a dedication to your deployed loved on 105.1 FM.

E-mail song requests and your special messages to Det9.BGOR@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Open House



A Staff Sgt. Justin Duncan, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates the bells and whistles of a rifle to a guest during the Open House Saturday.

Photo by
Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

A pair of airplane enthusiasts stand by to watch the F-16 and A-10 planes take off and fly by the ramp at the 2006 Spangdahlem Air Base Open House Saturday. About 10,000 people showed up for the Open House, which was the first time the base opened its doors to the public since 1998.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sawyer



Photo by Senior Airman Kristin Ruleau

(Above) Onlookers take a moment to snap a photo of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight's robot as it demonstrates its capabilities during an exhibition Saturday.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sawyer

The "Change to Change" band rocked the festival tent with music.



Photo by Senior Airman Kristin Ruleau

Airmen 1st Class Katie Smith, left, and Kristen Martin, right, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight, help a young visitor put on individual protective equipment designed to protect the wearer from nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional hazards.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

A couple of Open House visitors make their way down the ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III after touring the inside of the cargo storage area.

Let freedom ring

Spang CMSgt deployed to Afghanistan: Troops should reflect on freedoms they protect around the world

By Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback
455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) -- What you do this Independence Day probably depends on who you are. The Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines deployed here will probably go about their day just like any other.

We'll put on a uniform and go to work doing the hundreds of vital jobs that we do every day. Most of us will work somewhere near 12 hours, some more.

We probably will get a break or two to run to the dining facility, inhale a meal and quickly return to the job to make sure we do our share. And most of us will put on a smile and be professional in every task because that is what we do.

However, somewhere in the midst of the myriad tasks we have to do, we need to take a moment and consider what others around the world might be doing July Fourth. Our families probably will celebrate our American independence

with a picnic or barbecue. They will have time to relax and watch the children play in the yard. Maybe some of them will catch a ball game or go play at the nearby lake. Although those deployed won't be home to share in the celebration, we share that sacrifice with our families.

In many places, the celebrations will center not only on the history of our

“... celebrations will center not only on the history of our nation but also on the sacrifices made ...”

nation but also on the sacrifices made by this great nation's military members to preserve the freedoms upheld as rights, not privileges. So far I haven't stated anything most of you don't already know, but sometimes it's good to look at the obvious, and sometimes it's good to look a little deeper.

At other places around the world, countries will do the same thing those deployed will do on the Fourth of July. They will get up and go to work. They

may choose to go to a church or watch a soccer game. Although most will not celebrate or recognize independence, whole nations will benefit from the strength and commitment of men and women who protect and defend the United States.

They will receive the gift of a commitment to the ideals of freedom that U.S. forces all over the globe present to

them every day.

So on this Independence Day, reflect on the freedoms we have earned and the freedoms you provide -- not only to your friends and family, but to nations all over the world.

Then take a moment to be proud and accept the gratitude of our nation on behalf of all those around the world whose freedom we protect.

(Chief Hornback is deployed from the 52nd Maintenance Group).

A patriot's love for the United States

By Dr. Roy Heidicker
4th Fighter Wing historian

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) -- In a way, the Fourth of July is more like Valentine's Day. It is an opportunity for me to reflect on that great object of my affection: the United States of America.

My wife is a very understanding woman. She knows I love her dearly, and she is the center of my world. But she also knows that I have a passionate, all-consuming love for America. I think a major reason I became a historian was so I could pursue my passion full-time.

When I was a child, my heroes were the great Americans who fought and won World War II. I made models of many of the planes, tanks and ships of that war. I thought, as many did, that these people were "our greatest generation."

When I served in the Marine Corps, I felt I was emulating my heroes of World War II. Later when I was in graduate school, studying different periods of U.S. history, I learned about all the great Americans who have served our nation in times of need. From the Revolutionary War through the War on terrorism today, dedicated men and women have stood up and accepted the challenge.

Think of a world without the United States of America. Would it be ruled by Hitler's nazis or Stalin's communists? Would Al-Qaeda terrorists be annihilating most of the people on the planet? Our nation has stood, and still stands, as the Minuteman, Yankee, Doughboy, G.I., Marine, Sailor and Airman confronting evil in the world.

Airmen celebrate day America became free, independent states

By Steve Larsen
22nd Air Refueling Wing historian

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. (AFPN) -- "The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.

"You will think me transported with enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means."

When John Adams penned these words to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776, he did not realize that the "succeeding generations" of his fellow citizens would actually celebrate July 4 as the day of national independence. He was sure they would remember the day the Congress passed Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence rather than the one on which Congress adopted the declaration.

Pause to reflect on the Declaration of Independence and consider what the document represented to the men who wrote it.

For them, the issue itself was the need for self-determination. These founders were no longer British, but, distinctly American. The time had arrived to chart a separate course as, "free and independent states." To them, in a word, the document represented liberty.

Most Americans can call to mind one or two phrases or sentences from the document, such as, 'all men are created equal,' or, 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' The parchment goes further than the occasional poetic turn of phrase.

Within the document's 1,322 words, the declaration makes nine specific references to freedom, independence and liberty, and lists 27 sep-

arate grievances. Each grievance represented in the view of the Continental Congress, an arbitrary, and in many respects, maleficent application of power that limited the liberty of Americans.

The document rebuked the king and parliament for acts, legislation or deeds executed without any form of debate, consultation or consent of those governed. The declaration was, therefore, a direct response on the part of Congress to inform Great Britain that America must be independent and listed the reasoning as to why.

In their view, King George III was a tyrant and, as such, "unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

This desire for liberty and the "toil, blood and treasure" it would cost was not held just by

those ensconced in Independence Hall. Those in the field, the soldiers, would be the very people who contributed the "toil and blood." Their commander certainly understood this.

When George Washington received word of Congress' action on July 9 he ordered several brigades to be drawn up to hear the declaration of Congress.

In words that clearly illustrated his understanding of the magnitude of the declaration, he also stated, "The general hopes this important event will serve as a fresh incentive to every officer and soldier, to act with fidelity and courage, as knowing that now the peace and safety of his country depends (under God) solely on the success of our arms..."

Today's military carries the heritage and history of the Continental Army. Every day, Airmen serving somewhere in the world are engaged in their own struggle. They are the group now charged "to act with fidelity and courage," to maintain the foundational principles of what is the United States -- personal liberty and right to self-determination.



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Col. Darryl Roberson

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	374	337	-25
23FS	245	232	-13
81FS	498	338	-65

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through June 29

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section

Editor's Note: Submit "Community" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office Internal Information Section at 452-5244 for more information.

Motorcycle safety training

All USAFE personnel operating motorcycles, motor scooters or mopeds must complete a mandatory safety course every three years. The wing safety office hosts the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course throughout the riding season. The class is a one-day, hands-on course. Remaining class dates are July 15, 22 and 29; Aug. 26; and Sept. 23. For details, call the safety office at 452-7233.

Community Bank closures

The Community Bank on Spangdahlem AB is open Wednesday and July 26 from 1-4 p.m., and will be open on the Bitburg Annex July 14 and July 27 from 1-4 p.m. for special training. For details, call Jane Perry at 452-6773.

Boy Scout volunteers needed

The local Boy Scout district needs adults with Boy Scout leader experience to serve. They need unit commissioners and assistant district commissioners. Training is provided. For more information, e-mail Dan DeMers at mdemers@t-online.de or call him at 06575-901917.

Youth camp opportunity

There are 10 spaces available to Air Force Youth at Camp Echo, a camp located in the foothills of the lower Catskill Mountains just 90 minutes northwest of New York City. The camp dates are July 30 to Aug. 19. To learn more about the camp, activities, the cost and more, visit www.campecho.com and call Sally Fuller at 452-7546.

Library reading program

Registration for the Children's Summer Reading Program takes place now. People can sign up at the Spangdahlem AB or Bitburg Annex libraries. For details, call Raquel Santos at 452-9055.

Free child care

The next Give Parents a Break free child care date is July 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Child Development Center. The program is

funded by the Air Force Aid Society. Parents should request referrals for child care from their unit first sergeants by July 12 to meet registration deadlines.

Family Support Center news

For more information about Family Support Center events or programs, call 452-6422.

- ♦ The FSC is closed Monday through July 14. The center is moving back to building 307 on Spangdahlem AB and will re-open July 17. They are open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. The Bitburg Annex FSC in building 2001 opens July 18. Their new hours are Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m.

- ♦ Cooking Club at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, Wednesday and Aug. 2 at 6 p.m.;

- ♦ Single parent support group, third Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lunch is provided, registration required;

- ♦ The Love and Romance Series, July 20 from noon to 1 p.m. in building 307, July's topic: Melodies of Life. Bring a lunch; dessert and beverages provided, call to reserve a seat;

BMS counselor needed

The Bitburg Middle School needs certified counselors for grades 5-8. Call BMS at 452-9310 for details.

Concert in the park

Put on jeans and cowboy boots for an evening of live country music performed by the country rock band "Free Country," in the park at the Kaiserslautern Gartenschau July 22 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy an American-style barbecue, an authentic western rodeo rider, square dancing and more. Tickets are 8 euro for adults, 5 euro for students, and children 10 and under enter for free. Food and drinks are pay-as-you-go. For details, e-mail the American German Business Club at kaiserslautern@agbc.de.

Technology expo

The Spangdahlem AB Technology Expo takes place July 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Club Eifel. The expo features more than 40 exhibitors with hands-on demonstrations in the latest emerging technologies. The event is free. To avoid lines at check-in, pre-register at www.federalevents.com. For a listing of visiting companies, e-mail Kristin Francies at francies@ncsi.com.

2006 Motor weekend

Rev-up the engines and swing by the 2006 Motor Weekend July 21-23 at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center parking lot. The weekend features many cars, trucks and motorcycles from throughout Europe and the United Kingdom. There will be a classic/custom car and motorcycle display; trophies for category winners; A-10 and F-16 photos opportunities; bike poker run; games, prizes and giveaways; audio sound-off; Dyno contest and burnout pit; commemorative T-shirts; live entertainment; food and activities for children. Call Eric Guth at 452-2695 for details.

Sure Start

The base elementary schools now accept Sure Start preschool program applications for children age 4 by Oct. 31, or older. Sure Start provides children opportunities to learn in small group, large group and individual activities. Priority is given to children whose sponsor's rank is E-1 to E-4 or GS-1 to GS-4, who live and work on an overseas military installation. Parents are required to actively participate in classroom activities 40-60 hours per year. Other qualifying factors also apply. Applications are available at the schools' main offices. Call Spangdahlem Elementary School at 452-6881 or Bitburg Elementary School at 452-9442 for more information.

Employment class

A class on employment in the Eifel takes place most Mondays from 1-2 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center through June and at the Spangdahlem AB FSC, beginning in July. The class is for spouses who are new to the base and are interested in local job search assistance. Call Jessica Simpson at 452-9491 or e-mail jessicaLS@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Civil Air Patrol

The Spangdahlem AB Civil Air Patrol seeks youth ages 12 and older interested in outdoor, leadership and flying activities, and adults dedicated to mentoring the cadets. Meetings take place Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012. E-mail civilair.patrol@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Toastmasters meetings

Toastmasters meet Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 139. The club provides leadership and professional communications training. Call Master Sgt. Dave Maniccia at 452-5462 for more information.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

If You're a Club Eifel Member, You Could Win a \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP!



ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 14!

To enter, submit an essay (500 words or less) on the topic, "Proud to be an American." Entry forms are available at Club Eifel. Submit your entry package to the Services Marketing Department, bldg. 126, by July 14. Current Air Force Club Members and family members who have been accepted for the fall 2006 term are eligible.



- 1st place • \$6,000
- 2nd place • \$5,500
- 3rd place • \$4,500
- 4th place • \$3,500
- 5th place • \$3,000
- 6th place • \$2,500

Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through July 13. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

When a cure is found to treat mutations, lines are drawn amongst the X-Men and the Brotherhood, a band of powerful mutants organized under Magneto.

Silent Hill (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A troubled young girl and her mother flee to a strange abandoned town to seek out answers.

Saturday

X-Men: The Last Stand (7 p.m.)

American Dreamz (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

The new season of "American Dreamz," the wildly popular television singing contest, has captured the country's attention, as the competition looks to be between a young Midwestern gal and a showtunes-loving young man.

Sunday

Akeelah and the Bee (PG, 4 p.m.)

A young girl from Southern Los Angeles tries to make it to the National Spelling Bee.

X-Men: The Last Stand (7 p.m.)

Monday

Silent Hill (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Akeelah and the Bee (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A murder inside the Louvre and clues in Da Vinci paintings lead to the discovery of a religious mystery protected by a secret society for two thousand years -- which could shake the foundations of Christianity.

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Cindy finds out her house is haunted by a boy and goes on a quest to find out who killed him and why. Also, Alien "Tr-iPods" are invading the world, and she has to uncover the secret in order to stop them.

Saturday

The Da Vinci Code (7 p.m.)

The Sentinel (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

A disgraced special agent to the White House endeavors to foil a conspiracy to assassinate the U.S. President.

Sunday

The Wild (G, 4 p.m.)

An adolescent lion is accidentally shipped from the New York Zoo to Africa. Now running free, his zoo pals must put aside their differences to help bring him back.

Scary Movie 4 (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Da Vinci Code (7 p.m.)

Thursday

The Sentinel (7 p.m.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Emily Moore

Fair thee well ...

Team Eifel members travel from table to table and chat with exhibitors about travel opportunities in the local area at the Explore the Eifel Information Fair June 30 in the Club Eifel ballroom. Explore the Eifel is a commander-sanctioned event where Sabers receive two two-day passes to trek across the Eifel and explore the culture and see the sites.

Small town, big summer happenings

Kyllburg keeps visitors active in July

Kyllburg is the smallest town in the Rheinland Palatinate at about 1,170 residents, but is rich in history and outdoor activities.

The village dates back to 800 AD as a Frankish settlement. In 1239 construction of Kyllburg castle began, of which only a non-accessible watchtower remains today. The community continued growing when Archbishop Heinrich II von Vinstingen ordered the construction of a large gothic church in 1279 that towers upon a steep hill in the village and overlooks the Kyll river.

Stiftskirche Kyllburg, as it's known today, was enlarged in 1350, large stained glass windows were added in 1533-1534 and belfries were added in the 16th century. A large community of clergy lived there in a convent until 1802. Visitors can attend organ concerts at Stiftskirche Kyllburg by calling the tourism office for performance dates.

The Kylltal-Radweg, or Kyll valley riding path, which passes through Kyllburg offers cycling enthusiasts a paved biking route that meanders along the river. The villages surrounding woodlands offers 340 kilometers of marked hiking trails for those who prefer walking.

To cool off on hot summer days, Kyllburg's two large outdoor community pools for serious swimmers and for those who would rather play in the water. The pool is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from May to September. Admission costs 3,50 euro for adults and 1,80 euro for youth.

Throughout July, the community offers the following events, which are open to the public:

- ♦ **July 13-15** at 9 a.m., German hiking day in the Eifel. Participants can go on three guided hiking tours for 4 euro, which all start at the tourism office. On the 13.5 kilometer

historical triangle hike, walkers can learn about Kyllburg, Malberg and St. Thomas. A 16 kilometer hike visits the birthplace of Charles the Great. A 22 kilometer hike tracks the Romans;

- ♦ **July 14** at 8 p.m., classical concert in Stiftskirche Kyllburg. Villa Musica performs classics by Mozart, Beethoven, Krenek and Schoenberg. Admission costs 11 euro for adults and 5.50 euro for children;

- ♦ **July 15-16**, 3rd annual Kyllburger Oldtimer and Kaefertreffen. Event features Volkswagen Beetles and other classic cars;

- ♦ **July 15** from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., an old-fashioned market. Event features musical and dance performances, and food and beverage specialties;

- ♦ **July 15** from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Camp Militia Bedensis. Visitors can see how Roman legionnaires lived and worked;

- ♦ **July 23** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kylltal Activ. This annual bicycling and roller skating event features 29 kilometers of automotive traffic-free roads between the towns of Malberg and Gerolstein. Entertainment and food specialties are offered along the way;

Kyllburg is located about 9.5 miles from Spangdahlem Air Base, using the A-60 toward Bitburg and taking the Badem/Kyllburg exit. The Deutsche Bahn train system provides travelers an alternative mode of transportation to the village.

For more information or tickets, visit the Kyllburg tourism office at Hochstrasse No. 19, call 06563-930243, visit www.ti-kyllburg.de or e-mail info@ti-kyllburg.de.

(Information courtesy of the Kyllburg tourism office)

Out and About

(Editor's note: Times and dates are subject to change.)

- ♦ Join the Boy Scouts **July 16** when they hike the perimeter trail of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. The Scouts depart at 8 a.m. from the parking lot across the street from the post office in the Bitburg Annex French Kaserne. Return time is around 8 p.m. For more information, call Kevin Rokey at 06554-900892 or Lin Hairstone at 06565-955997.

- ♦ Sting will be in concert **Thursday** at the Emile Mayrisch stadium in Esch-Alzette, Luxembourg.

52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation offers the following excursions. Call 452-7170 at least one week before events to reserve seats.

- ♦ **July 15**, Local castle hike, \$30;

- ♦ **July 22-23**, Baltic deep sea fishing, \$140;

- ♦ **July 26**, Intro to Scuba, \$35;

- ♦ **July 29**, Luxembourg trout fishing.

Information, Tickets and Travel offers the following trips. Call 452-6567 at least one week before events to reserve seats.

- ♦ **July 29**, Phantasialand Express, \$70;

- ♦ **July 29**, Rothenburg with night watchman's tour, \$60;

- ♦ **July 29-30**, Best of Belgium with one overnight, \$169.



Photo by Gary Sakura

Sabers take off for the start of the 5K fun run Wednesday for Sports Day, a day dedicated to physical fitness and squadron events.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

Jonelle Bagley, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, runs the 5K with her daughter Wednesday morning.

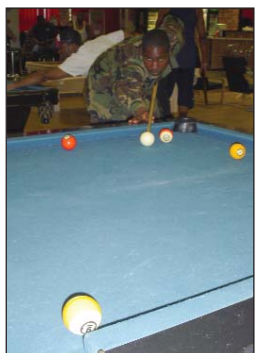


Photo by 1st Lt. Shannon Collins

Senior Airman Jason Streeter, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, lines up a shot at the billiards tournament.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

(Left) Brent Butterfield, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, takes a swing during a softball game Wednesday.

Sports Day

Sabers participate in fitness events across the base -- from tug of war to wallyball!



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

The 606th Air Control Squadron plays the 52nd Security Forces Squadron during a three-on-three basketball game Wednesday at the fitness center.

Sports Briefs

Binsfeld 5K fun run

Take part in the Third Annual Binsfeld American German Friendship Run Sunday. Children ages 6-14 begin their runs at 9 a.m. The 5K run takes place at 9:30 a.m. and the walking begins at 9:35 a.m. The starting point is Peter von Binsfeld Street in Binsfeld. For more information, visit www.ortsgemeinde-binsfeld.de or call 06575-610.

Softball tournament in July

The USAFE Tune-Up Tournament takes place July 28-30 on Spangdahlem AB. The event is open to men's and women's teams. Registration costs \$250 per team. E-mail duane.haun@spangdahlem.af.mil or michael.lemond@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Hockey players needed

The 2006 USAFE Ice Hockey tournament champions, the Bitburg Bears varsity-level hockey team, need players for their upcoming season. The season runs October to April. For more information, call Master Sgts. Tom Poeschel at 452-5648 or Jeff Barr at 452-7410.

Meet Soccer Hall of Fame member

Meet National Soccer Hall of Fame member, Marcelo Balboa, July 14 at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center from 2-3 p.m. and at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center from 5-6 p.m., and get an autograph. Balboa was a defender for the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team throughout the '90s, earning 128 caps and scored 13 goals. People can participate in a chance to win an autographed soccer ball and other door prizes. For details, call Aslynn Rust at 452-6466.

Cheerleading camp

Kaiserslautern High School hosts the Universal Cheer Association

Cheerleading Camp Sept. 1-3. The camp is open to all prospective high school cheerleaders. Participants will learn cheers, sideline chants, dances, partner stunts and safety techniques. For more information, call Jane Varalli at 489-7541 or e-mail her at jane.varalli@eu.dodea.edu.

Fitness center events for July

For more information, call the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at 452-6634.

- ♦ Tour de Spangdahlem runs now through July 31 -- People can ride either indoors on a stationary bicycle or outdoors to earn points for every mile pedaled;
- ♦ Cycling club starts Wednesday -- Individuals sign up for 10 race/weeks, the best eight races count, each competitor must ride a 30K race each race/week, races are on base;
- ♦ Family 5K fun run is July 14 -- Participants can either run or walk, the whole family is invited, the first 50 people who sign up get a free T-shirt.

Martial arts classes available

- ♦ Practice Tai Chi Quan Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex gym. Call Klaus Van Den Boom at 452-2392 for more information.
- ♦ Kuk Sol Won classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center.
- ♦ Aikido classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB fitness center.



Courtesy photo

We're going to pump you up!

Jason Bartholomew, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, placed second at the Ultrabodies 7 competition at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, June 24. Bartholomew did a 16-week diet and exercise routine while training for the competition. At the beginning of his training, he weighed 225 pounds, and at the competition, he slimmed down to 170 pounds, placing him in the middle weight class division. He is preparing for a show in Darmstadt, Germany, in October.